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## LAW NOTICE.

T. S. DONOHU. E. WARNER  
THE undersigned have this day formed a copartnership for the practice of Law in the District of Columbia and adjoining counties.  
Office in the east wing of the City Hall, No. 31.  
THOMAS S. DONOHU,  
EDWARD WARNER.  
Washington, March 12, 1844.

CHARLES S. WALLACH,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR,  
NO. 6, WEST WING, CITY HALL.  
nov 6-1y

JAMES J. DICKINS, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, practices in the Supreme Court of the United States, the several courts of the District of Columbia, prosecutes claims before Congress, and the several Departments of the General Government; and in general does all business requiring an Agent or Attorney. Office No. 4, west wing of the City Hall.  
nov 27-1y

R. I. A. CULVERWELL, Collector and Agent, offers his services to his friends and the public generally for the collection of accounts and any agency business they may be pleased to favor him with, promising prompt action and speedy returns. Residence on 9th street, between G and H streets, opposite McLeod Academy, where four or five gentlemen can be accommodated with board, without lodging.  
feb 13-4f

ROBERT P. ANDERSON, Bookbinder and Paper Ruler, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 11th street. Binding and Machine Ruling, of any kind or pattern, neatly and promptly executed, and on as good terms as any other establishment in the District.  
nov 6

PHILADELPHIA BIRD CAGES.  
AN extensive assortment of Mocking and Canary Birds Cages just received, and for sale at manufacturer's prices.  
JAMES M. DORSETT,  
Snuff, Tobacco, and Fancy Goods Store,  
Mar 29 Pa. Av. No. 11, east of Gadsby's Hotel.

WHITE LEAD, LINSEED OIL, PUTTY, &c.  
50 KEYS White Lead, 80 Gallons Linseed Oil, 600 Pounds Putty, put up in bladders, 50 Boxes Window Glass, from 8 by 10 to 14 by 22.  
Just received and for sale by, for cash, or to punctual customers, by  
C. H. JAMES,  
ap 17- corner 14th and E streets.

TOBACCO AND SNUFF.  
JAMES CLEPHANE, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 12th street, has just received a large supply of Lorillard's snuff, viz—  
American Gentleman, Congress, Maccoboy  
Coarse and Fine Rappee  
Irish High Toast, in bottles and jars  
Fine Cut, Chewing, and Smoking Tobacco, &c.

JOHN A. BLAKE, Bookbinder, Paper Ruler, and Blank Book manufacturer, south side of Pennsylvania avenue, near 14th street, and opposite Fuller's City Hotel (up stairs). Blank books of all descriptions, manufactured to order, old books rebound, maps mounted and varnished, and all kinds of fancy binding executed in the neatest manner and at reasonable prices.

NOOK'S IMPROVED PATENT LEAF HOLDER, OR TEMPORARY BINDER, of all the various sizes, with or without locks, will be furnished in any quantity and in any style of binding desired, at wholesale prices.  
nov 6-4f

GERMAN PRINTING.  
THE Proprietor and Publisher of the German "National Gazette," is prepared to print, with neatness and despatch, speeches, documents, &c., in the German language, in pamphlet form or otherwise. Documents, &c., carefully translated into German.  
Office on E street, between 9th and 10th, Washington, D. C.  
P. A. SAGE,  
may 18-1m Publisher of the "National Zeitung."

SOMETHING NEW!  
SIGN AND AWWING PRINTING.—The new FRANKLIN JOB PRINTING OFFICE, in E street, between 9th and 10th, is prepared to execute every description of Printing, from a poster down to a visiting card, with elegance, despatch, and at the most reasonable prices. Having procured an extensive assortment of the largest wood letter, (some more than one foot in size), this office is enabled to print on canvass for signs, awnings, exhibitions, &c., &c., at one-fourth less than the cost of having them painted. Business men, strangers, and others, who may have printing of any description to do, will find it to their advantage to call at the above Job Printing Office.  
may 18-1m

THE AMERICAN LABORER,  
DEVOTED to the cause of Protection to Home Industry; embracing the Arguments, Reports, and Speeches of the ablest Civilians of the United States in favor of the Policy of Protection to American Labor. With the Statistics of Production in the United States, &c., &c. In monthly parts, and now for the first time published complete in one volume. Price, \$1. Just received and for sale at the corner of 11th street and Pennsylvania avenue, by  
may 13 R. FARNHAM.

THE JUNIUS TRACTS.—No. 6, Democracy, just received. Also, on hand: No. 1. The Test, or parties tried by their acts; No. 2. The Currency; No. 3. The Tariff; No. 4. Life of Henry Clay; No. 5. Political Abolition.

NOTICE.—Committees, clubs, and all persons desirous of obtaining these tracts, are requested to send their orders with remittance to R. FARNHAM, corner of 11th street and Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, or to GREELY & McELRATH, Tribune office, New York, who will promptly forward them to any part of the Union, as may be directed. Remittances by mail, post paid or free, at the risk of the proprietor. Price for any of the series \$3 50 per 100 copies, or \$20 per thousand. Postmasters are authorized by law to make remittances under their frank.  
R. FARNHAM,  
jan 30 Bookseller, cor. 11th st. and Penn. Av.

THE WHIG ALMANAC AND POLITICIAN'S REGISTER FOR 1844.—The above contains returns of elections in all the States for President in 1840, and the new Congressional elections by districts for 1843, and subsequently. The subscriber has just received several thousand of the above, which will be sold at about cost for distribution. Also, just received, 5,000 DEMOCRACY, JUNIUS TRACT, No. 6.  
R. FARNHAM,  
feb 2- Corner of 11th street and Penn. av.

MANESCA'S FRENCH COURSE, an Oral System of Teaching Living Languages, illustrated by a practical course of lessons in the French through the medium of the English, by Jean Manesca, fourth edition, revised. For sale by  
R. FARNHAM,  
corner 11th street and Penn. av.  
Where may be found all the French School books now in use, and sold at very low prices.  
ap 20-

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY.—Books of the American Sunday School Union may be always had at the Bookstore of R. FARNHAM, corner of 11th street and Pennsylvania avenue, at the same price as at the Depository in Philadelphia.  
ap 17-1m

PRINTING AND WRITING PAPERS of every quality and size made to order, and sold at manufacturers' prices.  
R. FARNHAM,  
corner 11th st. and Penn. av.

## THE TRUTH SOMETIMES NOT FOUND OUT UNTIL TOO LATE.

SUCH is often the case in regard to persons taking medicine. They are induced by plausible reasoning, false representation and doctrines, to employ medicines that, so far from being adapted to their disease or sickness, absolutely increase the symptoms, destroy the constitution, rack the whole system, and bring on a gradual decline, terminating in death; previous to the fatal termination, however, (but unfortunately too late), the truth is found out that the pills, mixtures, &c. they have been taking were composed of the most powerful and dangerous ingredients, prepared too by persons knowing nothing of disease or the nature of the medicines they recommend, depending altogether upon the "general doctrine of such impostors," that their medicines will "kill or cure." Be advised, then, if you find it necessary to take some medicine for purifying the blood and cleansing the bowels, to take nothing but Dr. Leidy's justly and deservedly celebrated SARSAPARILLA BLOOD PILLS, the only pills containing Sarsaparilla in the their composition—the safest and best as well as the most effectual that can be taken.

Old and young, at all times, without regard to weather, may take them without fear of taking cold, and without restraint from occupation or usual course of living. Upwards of 1,000 certificates have been published, various times, of their efficacy. More than 100,000 boxes have been sold in Philadelphia in twelve months. These facts go to prove their value, or so many never would be sold in so short a time, in a place where they are manufactured; this, however, arises in part from the fact that the manufacturer of them (Dr. Leidy) is well known at home as a regular physician and apothecary, knowing the true nature of diseases and of the medicines he recommends, attested by the most celebrated physicians, among whom are Dr. Nathaniel Chapman, Dr. Wm. Gibson, Dr. W. E. Horner, Dr. Samuel Jackson, Dr. Robert Hare, Dr. P. S. Physic, Dr. T. C. James, Dr. W. P. Dewees, Dr. J. Redman Coxe, Rev. W. H. Delancy, Robert Adrian, L.L.D., &c. &c.

Orders for Dr. Leidy's BLOOD PILLS are daily received from the North, South, East, and West, and the most flattering accounts, from every direction, of their unparalleled success. A single box (25 cents) may save as many dollars, if taken in time, instead of the dangerous medicines now forced on the public, and by taking which persons so often find it necessary at last to take Dr. Leidy's Blood Pills, to counteract their injurious consequences.

They are prepared only, and sold Wholesale and Retail, at Dr. Leidy's Health Emporium, No. 191, North Second street, below Vine street, Philadelphia.

And by  
CHARLES STOTT,  
Agent for the District.  
ap 25-3m

POWELL'S BALSAM OF ANISEED, for Coughs, Colds, Shortness of Breath, Asthma, &c.—This valuable medicine has the extraordinary property of immediately relieving Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, difficulty of Breathing, and Huskiness in the Throat. It operates by dissolving the congealed Phlegm, consequently causing a free expectoration.

Those who are troubled with that unpleasant tickling in the throat, which deprives them of rest night after night, by the incessant cough which it provokes, will, by taking one dose, find immediate relief; and one bottle in most cases will effect a cure.  
Price 25 cents per bottle.

For sale at the Perfumery, Fancy, and Patent Medicine Depot of  
JAMES CLEPHANE,  
mar 20- Corner of Penn. av. and 12th street.

## AUCTION CARD.

THE undersigned respectfully call the attention of citizens generally to their new arrangements for the conducting of the Auction and Commission Business, having added two large rooms in the rear of their store for the arrangement of sales, both public and private.

We would solicit consignments of Furniture, Crockery, and Glassware, Hardware, Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries, Books and Stationery, and of personal property generally.

Special attention given to sales at private buildings, which will be conducted by W. B. Lewis. Cash advances made when required on goods not limited.  
LEWIS & HUNT, Auctioneers,  
may 9-3t Pennsylvania avenue, near 11th st.

## NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!

WE have just received—  
50 pieces new style Silks, from 50 cts. to \$1  
10 do do Foulard Silks, cheap  
25 do worsted Berreges, at 31 1/2 cts., worth 50  
20 do superfine Balzarines  
25 do beautiful colored Lace Lawns, cheap  
30 do Balzarine Lawns  
25 Lace Silk Shawls, splendid article  
20 Berreges Shawls, \$4 50, worth \$6  
A large lot of Mousselines, at any price that can be mentioned.

50 pieces Irish Linen, very cheap  
15 do French Bombazines, do  
20 do black Alpaca, from 50 cents to \$1  
A large lot white Cambrics, Jaconet Cambrics, Lace Cambrics, and cross-barred Cambrics

A great quantity of Drillings, Gambroons, Summer Cloths, Spring Cassimeres, Marselles Vestings, and 75 pieces best west of England black Cloths and Cassimeres, which we have made up to order by one of the most experienced Tailors in this country, unusually cheap. Fits guaranteed.

3,000 yards bleached Cotton, at 6 1/2 cts.  
3,000 do handsome Calico, at 6 1/2 cts.  
2,500 do Chintz Prints, at 12 1/2 cts.  
500 pair black twisted silk Gloves, at 25 cts., worth 50  
200 pair black twisted silk Mitts, with half fingers, at 25 cts., worth 50  
500 dozen Cotton Hose, assorted colors, at 12 1/2 cts., worth 25  
500 dozen cotton Hose, assorted colors, at 25 cts., worth 50

And every article usually kept in dry goods stores, too numerous to mention, which we sell lower than any other merchant in the District.  
may 21 HALL & BROTHER.

## NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!!

WE have just received, per packets Alexandria and Victory, from New York, a large and well-selected stock of FAMILY GROCERIES, among which are the following, viz:

SUGARS—Loaf, Pulverized, Crushed, Lump, N. Orleans, Porto Rico, Muscovado, Havana, Brown, &c.  
MOLASSES—Porto Rico, New Orleans, Sugar-house Syrup.

TEAS—Imperial, Gunpowder, Old Hyson, Young Hyson, Hyson Skin, Pouchong, &c.—all well selected.

COFFEE—Java, Angostura, Rio, Cuba, Laguyra, St. Domingo, and Burnt  
SPICES—Allspice, Mace, Cloves, Pepper, Ginger, Nutmegs, Cinnamon, &c.

FRUIT—Figs, Raisins, Prunes, Citron, Tamarinds, &c.

OIL—Lamp, Sweet, and Florence  
CANDLES—Wax (colored), Mould, Sperm, Patent Sperm, and Adamantine  
SOAP—Windsor, Castile, Palm, Almond, Brown  
FISH—Mackerel, Cod, Shad, Scotch and other Herring, &c.

CIGARS—15,000 best Puerto Principe, and other brands  
MISCELLANEOUS—Cheese, Lard, Hams, Salt, Macaroni, Vermicelli, Pickles, Catsups, &c.

MATS—A great variety, made of grass, hemp, &c., &c.

WOODWARE of all kinds.

Citizens, generally, are respectfully invited to give us a call at the corner of 7th and E streets, opposite the General Post Office.

may 14-4f FALES & GLOVER.

PER PACKET DODGE, in addition to our former stock, 8 bbls. Porto Rico, New Orleans, and Muscovado SUGAR. Also, a prime lot of New York FAMILY FLOUR. Citizens, generally, are respectfully invited to give us a call, at the corner of E and 7th streets, opposite General Post Office.  
may 13-4f FALES & GLOVER.

## FRESH GROCERIES.

THE subscriber is now in receipt of his SPRING GOODS, per packet Alexandria, from New York. His assortment now comprises nearly every article in his line, among which are the following, viz:

SUGARS—Loaf, powdered, crushed  
Lump, brown, New Orleans, Muscovado, Porto Rico, Havana, and clarified  
MOLASSES—Sugar-house, Porto Rico, N. Orleans, New Iberia, and Sugar-house syrup  
COFFEE—Moeha, Java, Angostura, Rio, Maricao, Cuba, and St. Domingo

TEAS—Old Hyson, Gunpowder, Imperial, Young Hyson, Hyson Skin, and Black. Particular attention paid to the better quality of Teas.

SPICES—Nutmeg and Mace, Allspice and Cloves, Pepper, Ginger, &c.

FRUIT—Raisins, Prunes (in jars), Figs, Apples, Tamarinds, &c.

FISH—Shad, Salmon, Mackerel, Cod, and Herring  
CANDLES—Wax (white and colored), Sperm, Tallow, and Adamantine

OIL—Sperm, Lard, and Salad  
SOAP—Fancy, Windsor and Common  
FLOUR—25 bbls. superior New York, 30 bbls. Virginia assorted brands

MISCELLANEOUS—Honey (in the comb), Maple Sugar, Macaroni, Vermicelli, Pickles, Sweetmeats, Sardines, Catsups, &c., &c. Pearl Barley, Irish Moss, Hams, Pine Apple, Sapsago, and N. York Cheese, Salt, Brooms, &c., &c.  
S. HOLMES, 7th street.

## DRUGS AND MEDICINES.

WALLACE ELIOT & CO., corner of F and 12th streets, have just received a fresh supply of Drugs and Medicines, viz—

Alcohol  
Gum Camphor  
Pulph. Quinine  
Gum Arabic (extra)  
Lump Magnesia  
Cream Tartar

And a variety of other articles, too numerous to mention.

Also, an assortment of popular PATENT MEDICINES, now in use; such as Oldridge's Balm of Columbia; Thompson's Eye Water; Leidy's Sarsaparilla Pills; Brandreth's Pills; Peters' Pills; Pease's and Frey's Vermifuge.  
may 1-1m

## PLAYING CARDS.

A large stock of Lemuel Smith's (successor of Caleb Bartlett) American Playing Cards, made of linen, and of superior quality, just received and for sale, wholesale or retail, at New York prices, by  
JAMES M. DORSETT,  
Snuff, Tobacco, and Fancy Goods Store,  
mar 29 Pa. Av. No. 11, East of Gadsby's Hotel.

## VARIETY STORE.

J. D. BOTELER having removed his store to next door of E. Simms's wine store, on Pennsylvania avenue, and second door from 4 1/2 street, calls the attention of his friends, and the public generally, to his stock of staple and fancy articles, which consists in part of—

Hardware and Cutlery  
Crockery, Glass and China Ware  
Brushes, Tin and Wood Ware  
Baskets, Basket Carriages and Cradles  
Hollow Ware, &c., &c., &c.

With many other articles too numerous to mention in an advertisement; all of which he pledges himself to sell as low as they can be obtained in the District.  
ap 30-1m

## CHEAP TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT.

C. BEVERIDGE, Seventh street, between Louisiana avenue and D street, next door to J. A. Donohoo's Grocery store, is prepared to make up clothing of every description in the most modern style and at the shortest notice, and not surpassed in workmanship by any establishment in the city. The following prices have been adopted in order to suit the times, viz:

Making and Trimming coat in the best style \$8 50  
do do do pants 2 00  
do do do vests 1 75  
Making coats, without trimmings 6 00  
do pants, do 1 25  
do vests, do 1 25

All work warranted to fit in a superior style.

N. B. Gentlemen and children's clothing cut to order in the most fashionable style, and so arranged that there can be no mistake in making them up.  
ap 16-

## CLOTHING AND FURNISHING ARTICLES.

TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT. BELOW NEW YORK AND BOSTON PRICES.—I have just returned from New York with a splendid assortment of Cloths, Cassimeres and Vestings, Gambroons, Gingham, Tweeds, Dradits, Neapolitan Twills, figured and plain Satin Vestings, large assortment of French goods, with a good stock of fine Shirts, Collars, Bosoms, Scarfs, Stocks, Gloves, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Socks, &c.

The whole of the above goods have been purchased for cash in the New York market with great care, and having had twenty-five years experience, I flatter myself they are purchased equal, if not far lower, than any goods brought to this market.

I have now made a large assortment of Summer Clothing of the most approved styles, and still continue to make up.

Also, I will make clothes to order, and warrant them to fit, for the same prices.

WM. MARSHALL,  
Merchant tailor and Clothing store, eight doors east of Gadsby's Hotel, corner of Kimmell & Walker's alley, and at my Auction store, between 9th and 10th streets, Penn. avenue.  
ap 9-

## GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING ARTICLES.

WE have received from Philadelphia an extensive invoice of Wearing Apparel, to be sold cheaper than ever—for instance: Shirts, with linen bosoms and wristbands, for 80 cents, worth \$1 25; Do. super with long bosoms and Byron collars, suitable for summer wear, for \$1 25—just the same article they ask you \$2 50 for in other diggins; Do. super do, all linen, for \$3! What! all linen, for \$3? Why, they charge \$5 elsewhere—they must be common and coarse. No, they ain't, either—call and see—they speak for themselves. Bosoms, for 12 1/2, 18 1/2, 25, 37 1/2, and 50 cents; Collars, at 12 1/2, 18 1/2, and 25 cents, worth 50 cents; Do. super do. French, at 37 1/2 and 50 cents. Summer Stocks, 37 1/2 cents—worth 75 cents. Black Italian Silk Cravats, Scarfs, Gloves, and Hosiery, with a large assortment of Summer Clothing at Northern prices.

LEWIS & HUNT,  
Penn. avenue, near 11th st.  
may 9

## SCHOOL BOOKS.

A large and general assortment of School Books and school requisites, all of which have been carefully selected as regards binding, &c., for sale on as liberal terms as elsewhere in the District, at  
GARRET ANDERSON'S,  
may 21-4f Penn. av., btw 11th and 12th streets.

## BIRD SEED, CANARY AND HEMP SEED.

For sale by  
CHARLES STOTT.

## SWAIM'S PANACEA.—For sale by

CHARLES STOTT.  
ap 25-1m

## RUSSIA ISINGLASS.

A FRESH supply just opened, by  
C. H. JAMES,  
ap 13- Corner 14th and E sts.

## SANDS'S SARSAPARILLA.

JUST received, a fresh supply of the above celebrated article, by  
C. H. JAMES,  
ap 13- Corner 14th and E sts.

## NEW BOOKBINDERY.

WILLIAM H. NALLEY would respectfully inform his friends and the public, that he has opened a Bookbinder on Pennsylvania avenue, next door to Beers's Temperance Hotel. He would request those who have books to bind to give him a call, where he may always be found ready to execute all orders left with him.  
ap 17-6m

## HAIR BRUSHES AND COMBS.

Just received at the Washington Perfumery and Fancy Emporium, corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 12th street, an additional supply of Hair, Tooth, Nail, and Shaving BRUSHES.

Tuck, Side, Dressing, and Pocket COMBS.

Which now renders my assortment one of the most complete offered for sale in this District.

The public are respectfully invited to call and examine.  
JAMES CLEPHANE,  
mar 14- Corner of Penn. Av. and 12th st.

## INDELIBLE INK.

KIDDER'S Superior Indelible Ink, for sale by  
W. ELIOT & CO.,  
corner of F and 12th streets.  
may 16-2w

## BROWN'S BONESET CANDY.

A FRESH supply just received, by  
C. H. JAMES,  
ap 13- Corner 14th and E sts.

## LOZENGES.

DR. SHERMAN'S Worm, Cough, and Camphor Lozenges. For sale by  
W. ELIOT & CO.,  
may 16-2w Corner of F and 12th st.

## COMMUNICATION.

## ANNEXATION OF TEXAS.

## NO. II.

I will now proceed in my examination of the documents which accompanied the treaty: mere verbal criticism is not my object. I wish to attend to the arguments they contain, the facts they purport to state, and the conclusions deduced therefrom. After a close and attentive perusal of the whole series, I am compelled to say, that, in my opinion, the arguments used are among the weakest and the most sophistical that ever disgraced diplomacy, the facts adduced almost entirely unsubstantiated, and the conclusions arrived at, the "most lame and impotent" that ever were deliberately spread out upon paper, and submitted to rational investigation.

I have nothing to say against Mr. Tyler's argument about enlargement of territory, his deductions are common-place enough, and will not give many new ideas to the Senate. I entirely disagree with him, however, when he says that this "view of the subject is the only one which remains to be presented,"—for he has not yet even alluded to the CONSTITUTIONALITY of the proposed annexation.

With Mr. Van Zandt's communication to Mr. Webster, under date of Dec. 14th, 1842, I have nothing to do, excepting so far as it may furnish me with matter for comments on the arguments adduced by the other parties. I must be excused, however, in stating that I cannot admit, that any "wrongs, however repeated," can "render cruelty tolerable," (using tolerable as a synonyme of justifiable.) Nor can I allow that any "war can be conducted upon Christian principles." I am writing, however, as a politician and not as a moralist, and the whole tenor and proceeding of this transaction lead to the conclusion that politics and morals are not inseparably connected.

Mr. Van Zandt's second note to Mr. Webster, under date of 24th June, 1843, relates to the mediation of the United States between Texas and Mexico. It states that Mexico had rejected the separate mediation of Great Britain, and that the "triple mediation of the United States, France, and England," was now "sought to be obtained." That Great Britain "expressed an ardent desire to do all in its power, by its good offices of mediation," but "leaned to an opinion that it would be better, on all accounts, that each party should act separately, but similarly in point of tone and argument, in urging the Mexican government," &c., &c.

The French government approved of this suggestion, and Mr. Van Zandt asks the government of the United States to concur therein. Mr. Webster, in his reply to Mr. Van Zandt, refers to instructions communicated to the Minister of the United States at Mexico,—these instructions are under date of Jan. 31, 1843, and concluded with this sentence: "You will not cease in your endeavors for this purpose (that of effecting a recognition by Mexico of the independence of Texas) but it is not to be expected that you will deviate from the instructions which have heretofore been given you upon the subject." The reader will please to bear this part of the correspondence in mind. It will be found to have an important bearing upon a subsequent part of our examination.

The United States Minister at Mexico replies, under date of March 14th, 1843, "that he, (in obedience to his instructions,) had, in his official intercourse with the Mexican government alluded, in the most friendly and respectful terms, to the matter at issue. That he (meaning, it is supposed, the Mexican Secretary of State) replied, very much excited, that Mexico did not regard Texas as an independent power, but as a rebellious province." Our government was, therefore, well acquainted with the feelings of Mexico towards Texas, and of the character and estimation in which she held her.

All this part of the business has been most ably and conclusively commented upon by Mr. Benton in his speech in the Senate of the United States, to which the reader is referred.

The next document, as to date, is Mr. Murphy's (United States Chargé d'Affaires to Texas) letter, dated July 8th, 1843, to Mr. Legare, the United States Secretary of State. This letter makes the most disgraceful admission, that the records of the legation to Texas have been kept in such a loose, irregular, and imperfect manner, "that you can obtain no information in any regular or certain connexion." "Material papers are not to be found, many important papers are not recorded, some recorded in the wrong book, out of all connexion," &c., &c. "Under such circumstances," adds Mr. Murphy, "it is impossible for me to find out or know, from anything that appears here on the files, or on the records, what has been, or what now is, the policy of the Government of the United States towards this republic, and that of Mexico; or what questions of negotiation have existed, or may now exist, between the United States and this republic." "Under these distressing and harassing circumstances, I must await instructions from the Department of State on all subjects intended for my further action." We are forced to conclude, from Mr. Calhoun's note to the President, dated May 2, 1844, that the public archives have not been kept with much greater regularity at home, for he states "that there is not, on the files of this (State) Department, any communication from the Chargé d'Affaires of Texas showing that the proposition of this Government for the annexation of that country to the United States was temporarily declined, nor anything to show that such communication was ever made in writing to the